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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 7466

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MNUC, AS

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISITS TO AUSTRALIA

REF: A) STATE 228946; B) STATE 259139

1. BRIEFED DFA'S DEFENSE DIVISION ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL A. GOA HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH EXPLANATION. DFA OFFICER SAID THAT A SIMPLE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT PL-93-513 WOULD COVER A NUCLEAR INCIDENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE ORAL STATEMENT EMBOFF DREW FROM REFTEL A WOULD SATISFY GOA CONCERNS.

2. DFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES HAD BEEN DRAWN UP WHEN DFA THOUGHT THAT FINAL APPROVAL OF NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISITS TO AUSTRALIA WAS IMMINENT. NOW THAT THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS INSISTING ON AN UNCLASSIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE ISSUE IN MOST MAJOR AUSTRALIAN CITIES, DFA WAS CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR BEFORE GOA WOULD BE IN  
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A POSITION TO APPROVE SUCH VISITS. DFA BELIEVES THAT

ENVIRONMENTALISTS, PEACE GROUPS, ASSORTED LEFT-WINGERS  
AND OTHERS WILL USE THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO OPPOSE THE  
WHOLE IDEA.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE  
WHITLAM GOVERNMENT WILL BE WILLING TO TAKE THE POLI-  
TICAL HEAT WHICH WILL ARISE FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS ON  
NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISITS. SUCH VISITS WILL  
PROBABLY NOT BE APPROVED BY THIS LABOR GOVERNMENT.  
END COMMENT.  
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